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TAGS: PTER, PING, AR
SUBJECT: INVESTIGATION OF ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION
OF MRS. PERON CONTINUES

REF: BUENOS AIRES 4476

1. (U) SUMMARY: THE GOVERNMENT'S INVESTIGATION
CONTINUES. THEREFORE, NO ARRESTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED
ALTHOUGH INTERIOR MINISTER TROCCOLI HAS PREDICTED
THAT THE INVESTIGATION WILL YIELD RESULTS. END SUMMARY.

2. (U) THE GOA'S INVESTIGATION INTO THE ATTEMPTED
BOMBING OF THE AIRPLANE THAT WAS TO HAVE FLOWN
MRS. PERON FROM ARGENTINA TO SPAIN CONTINUES. AS YET,
NO ARRESTS OR RESULTS HAVE BEEN REPORTED. AN ARGENTINE
NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THAT AN ANONYMOUS TELEPHONE CALL
TO THE HOTEL WHERE MRS. PERON STAYED WHILE IN
BUENOS AIRES TIPPED OFF AUTHORITIES TO THE ATTEMPTED
BOMBING. OTHER PRESS REPORTS CLAIMED THAT A ROUTINE
AIRPORT SEARCH FOR DRUGS TURNED UP THE BOMB.

3. (U) NEWSPAPERS OF JUNE 11 REPORTED THAT A FEDERAL
JUDGE HAD QUESTIONED 109 PEOPLE ABOUT THE ATTEMPT,
WITH AT LEAST ANOTHER 40 PEOPLE REMAINING TO BE
QUESTIONED, MOSTLY AIRPORT AND STATE AIRLINE
PERSONNEL.

4. (U) INTERIOR MINISTER ANTONIO TROCCOLI ON JUNE 10
CALLED THE ATTEMPT "AN ISOLATED ACT" AND "A POSTSCRIPT"
TO THE VIOLENCE OF THE PAST. HE ALSO STATED HE WAS
CERTAIN THAT A TERRORIST GROUP WAS BEHIND THE ATTEMPT.
HE CONGRATULATED THE AIRPORT POLICE FOR THEIR EFFICIENCY
IN FINDING THE BOMB (NOT SAYING WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN
TIPPED OFF OR NOT), AND PREDICTED QUICK RESULTS FROM
THE ONGOING INVESTIGATION.

5. (U) THE ATTEMPT HAD BEEN CONDEMNED BY ARGENTINE
INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND NEWSPAPERS ACROSS
THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, WITH EVERYONE HOPING THIS
ATTEMPT DOES NOT SIGNAL A RETURN TO THE TERRORISM

6. COMMENT: THE TERRORIST INCIDENT (ATTEMPTED
MASS MURDER) HIT THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE HARD, AND HAS
LEFT THEM FEARING A RETURN OF THE TERRORISM AND VIOLENCE
THEY THOUGHT THEY HAD PUT BEHIND THEM. JUST SUCH A
PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACT MAY HAVE BEEN THE TERRORISTS'
OBJECTIVE. IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT CONSEQUENCES,
BUT THE INCIDENT CAST A PALL OVER THE CELEBRATION OF
PURPORTED "NATIONAL UNITY" ACHIEVED THROUGH THE
ALFONSIN-ISABEL PERON ACCORD SIGNED THE DAY BEFORE.
ISABEL'S DECISION TO APPOINT A "SUPERIOR COMMAND"
TO RUN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT IN HER ABSENCE HAS
ALREADY CAUSED UNEASE AND SOME OVERT UNHAPPINESS
IN THE BADLY FRAGMENTED PERONIST MOVEMENT. SPECULATION
OVER WHO MAY HAVE BEEN BEHIND THE APPARENT ATTEMPT
ON MRS. PERON'S LIFE CANNOT HELP BUT FURTHER INCREASE
UNREST AND SUSPICION IN THE PERONIST MOVEMENT WHICH
IS ALREADY SPLIT OVER ISABEL'S READY AGREEMENT TO A
POLITICAL PACT WITH ALFONSINISTAS IN THE RADICAL
PARTY. END COMMENT. ORTIZ.

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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